

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges a telephone interview with Examiner Callahan on November 16, 2004. By examiner's amendment, the examiner entered correction of errors in wording of the specification. A review of the claims showed that the present claims appears to incorporate patentable subject matter.

Claims Pending

Claims 39-45 are pending in this application. Claims 1 -38 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 39-43 and 45 are independent. Claim 44 depends from claim 43. The number of type of claims is within those paid for by the original filing fee.

Claims Allowable

In the pending Office Action, claims 8 and 22 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, which is now done:

Claim 40 presents the subject matter of former claim 8 in independent form.

Claim 42 presents the subject matter of former claim 22 in independent form.

Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The pending Office Action says claims 7, 9 and 23-25 are allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. However, at page 2, last complete paragraph, the Office Action stated that the prior amendment made sufficient changes to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Office Action states no new grounds for rejecting these claims. Therefore, it appears claims 7, 9 and 23-25 should be allowable if rewritten in independent form, which is now done:

Claim 39 presents the subject matter of former claim 7 in independent form.

Claim 41 presents the subject matter of former claim 9 in independent form.

Claim 43 presents the subject matter of former claim 23 in independent form.

Claim 44 presents the subject matter of former claim 24, now dependent from claim 43.

Claim 45 presents the subject matter of former claim 25 in independent form.

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Conclusion

This amendment places the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rost', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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